



# Pacific Region Livestock Review

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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 460,000 head on June 1, 2015, 2 percent higher than last month and 6 percent higher than June 2014. During May, placements of 54,000 head were 8 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 39,000 head were 35 percent below May 2014. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

## UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on June 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.71 million, 10 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 260,000, 700-799 pounds were 389,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 710,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.71 million, 8 percent below 2014. May marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 82,000 during May, 19 percent below 2014.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed May 1 1/			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	277	240	87	24	25	25	26
California	450	450	100	50	54	60	39
Colorado	940	900	96	140	140	145	130
Idaho	205	235	115	23	30	32	29
Iowa	660	660	100	54	65	70	74
Kansas	2,010	2,060	102	435	345	400	375
Minnesota	137	145	106	8	14	22	15
Nebraska	2,460	2,500	102	425	390	485	470
Oklahoma	255	270	106	67	49	55	42
South Dakota	220	240	109	34	29	41	37
Texas	2,430	2,410	99	580	490	450	395
Washington	190	230	121	37	45	45	44
Other States	320	300	94	32	38	35	35
UNITED STATES	10,554	10,640	101	1,909	1,714	1,865	1,711

State	Other Disappearance During May 2/		Number On Feed June 1 1/		2015
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	1,000 Head				Percent
Arizona	1	1	275	238	87
California	5	5	435	460	106
Colorado	25	20	910	890	98
Idaho	1	1	195	235	121
Iowa	4	1	640	650	102
Kansas	25	10	2,020	2,020	100
Minnesota	1	1	122	143	117
Nebraska	20	20	2,380	2,400	101
Oklahoma	2	2	265	275	104
South Dakota	3	2	210	230	110
Texas	10	15	2,550	2,490	98
Washington	2	1	180	230	128
Other States	2	3	315	300	95
UNITED STATES	101	82	10,497	10,561	101

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## PACIFIC REGION - COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during May 2015 totaled 103.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent below the previous month and 18 percent lower than May 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms.

In May 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,369 pounds, calves 113 pounds, sheep & lambs 146 pounds, and hogs 253 pounds.

### U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds in May, down 4 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in May 2014.

Beef production, at 1.92 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 10 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was up 33 pounds from the previous year, at 1,332 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.6 million pounds, 16 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,200 head, down 29 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 335 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.86 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.75 million head, up 1 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.9 million pounds, was down 14 percent from May 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 168,500 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, down 2 pound from May a year ago.

January to May 2015 commercial red meat production was 19.7 billion pounds, up slightly from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 22 percent, pork was up 6 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

May 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

May 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	121.3	89.2	155,466	121,107	1,291	1,369
Hawaii	1.0	0.8	1,055	896	1,103	1,126
Nevada	0.1	0.1	131	147	1,019	1,045
U.S. Total	2,635.6	2,378.5	3,417,149	3,162,417	1,299	1,332
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	10.5	6.0	878	672	85	113
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	46.6	33.2	13,199	11,047	285	335
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	25.3	22.7	3,649	3,312	144	146
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	14	139	143
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	19	133	148
U.S. Total	194.0	168.5	27,739	23,807	143	141
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	189.5	182.1	47,329	46,036	250	253
Hawaii	1.2	1.1	285	282	239	257
Nevada	0.1	0.2	21	41	258	258
U.S. Total	8,618.4	8,745.1	2,471,290	2,479,599	287	284

RED MEAT	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 15 May 14	May 15 Apr15
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	125.9	106.7	103.2	82	97
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.7	92	(Y)
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	126	(Y)
U.S. Total	3,952.4	4,015.5	3,805.2	96	95

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

## PACIFIC REGION - MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.65 billion pounds of milk in May 2015. This was 1 percent above April 2015, but 3 percent below May 2014.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 2,050 pounds, 25 pounds more than April 2015.

### MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,781	1,779	2,035	1,985	3,624	3,531	3,623	3,528	8,516	8,620	1,901	1,919	16,186	16,544
Feb.	1,780	1,779	1,910	1,845	3,400	3,282	3,396	3,281	8,516	8,620	1,749	1,756	14,892	15,139
Mar.	1,781	1,779	2,140	2,080	3,811	3,700	3,806	3,697	8,530	8,622	1,957	1,961	16,690	16,907
Apr.	1,780	1,779	2,065	2,025	3,676	3,600	3,671	3,602	8,547	8,626	1,912	1,928	16,344	16,633
May	1,779	1,779	2,110	2,050	3,754	3,647	3,750	3,649	8,558	8,630	1,979	1,990	16,934	17,175
June	1,779		1,995		3,549		3,544		8,572		1,895		16,241	
July	1,779		1,980		3,522		3,521		8,583		1,909		16,381	
Aug.	1,779		1,940		3,451		3,449		8,585		1,885		16,184	
Sept.	1,779		1,850		3,291		3,291		8,593		1,806		15,519	
Oct.	1,779		1,930		3,433		3,432		8,594		1,864		16,017	
Nov.	1,780		1,885		3,355		3,352		8,598		1,806		15,527	
Dec.	1,780		1,950		3,471		3,471		8,611		1,888		16,256	

1/ Revised 2014 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

6/ Due to federal sequestration, data collection on the number of cows and milk per cow has been suspended; milk production totals are based on administrative data.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	88.80	50.30	49.00
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	103.00	114.00	113.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	150.00	162.00	164.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	222.00	290.00	288.00
Milk Cows 5/	Head	1,800.00	---	2,000.00	1,810.00	1,990.00	1,970.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	23.41	14.92	14.52	25.30	16.60	16.50

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

6/ April 2015 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.72.

### HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	225.00	200.00	200.00	220.00	165.00	200.00
California 2/	Tons	250.00	190.00	215.00	200.00	160.00	175.00
Idaho	Tons	200.00	170.00	160.00	170.00	160.00	155.00
Nevada	Tons	229.00	215.00	215.00	217.00	210.00	190.00
Oregon	Tons	220.00	210.00	200.00	220.00	185.00	180.00
Utah	Tons	170.00	170.00	175.00	140.00	135.00	140.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	207.00	172.00	184.00	156.00	136.00	142.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.